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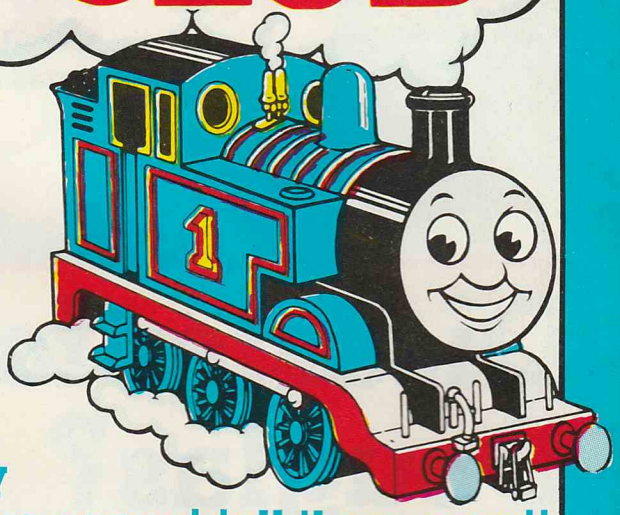

Donald and Douglas, the twin tender engines, bring a Scottish flavour to this issue of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends – because Scotland is where they come from! The twins hate to be parted, and they enjoy a joke, especially when outsiders cannot tell them apart!

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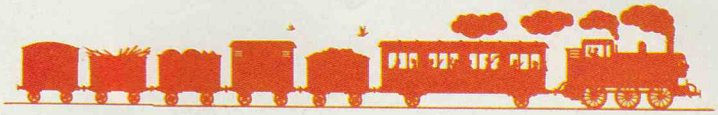

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In our next issue: Meet Daisy!

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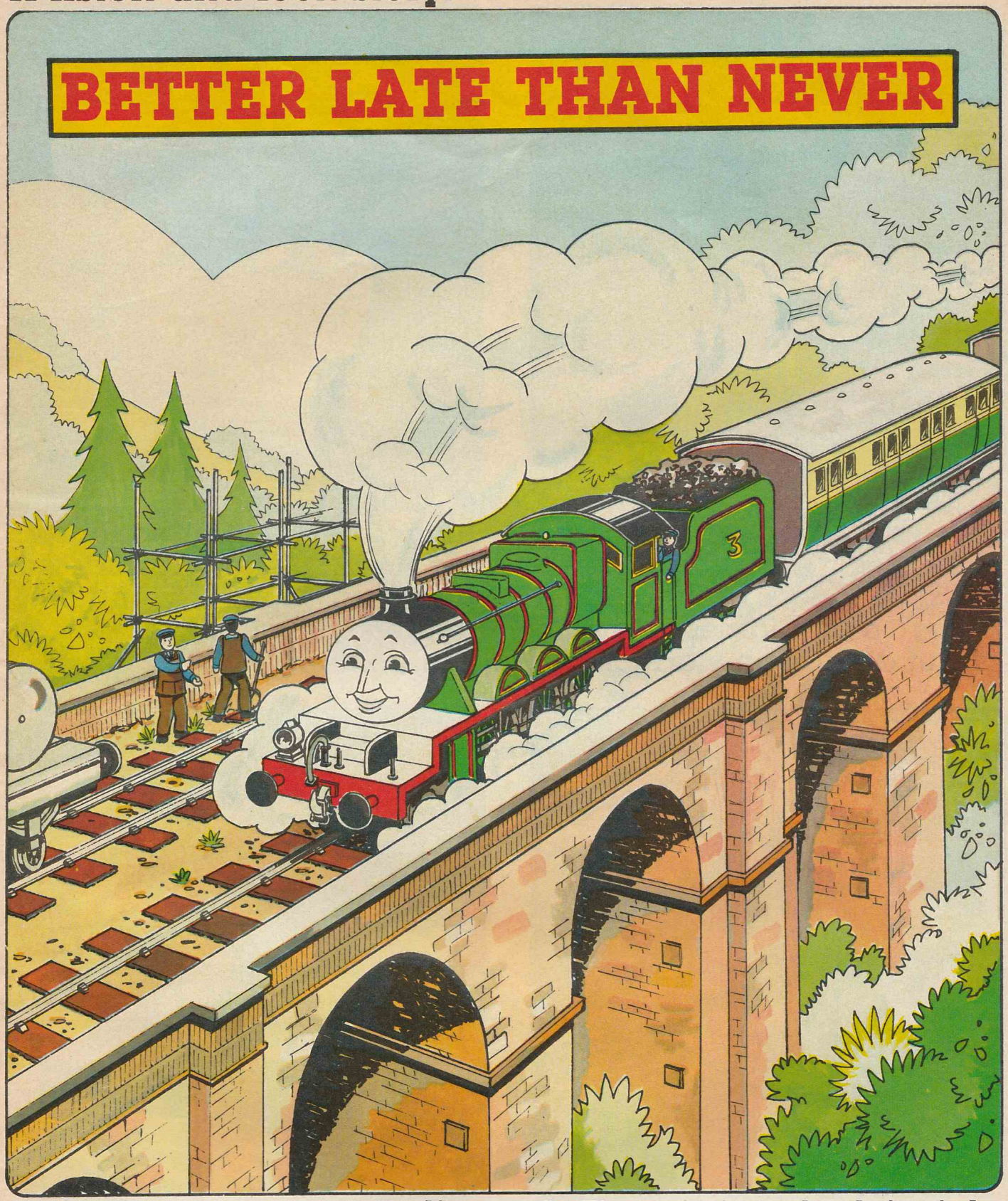
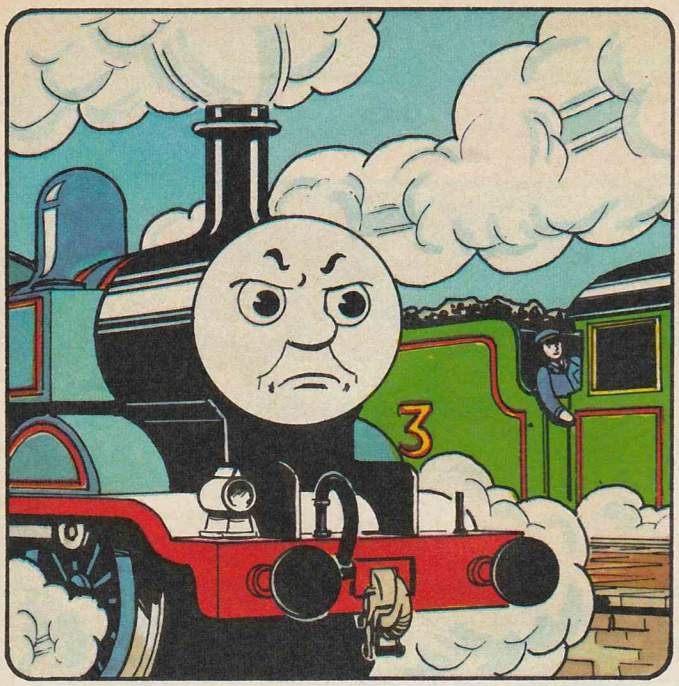
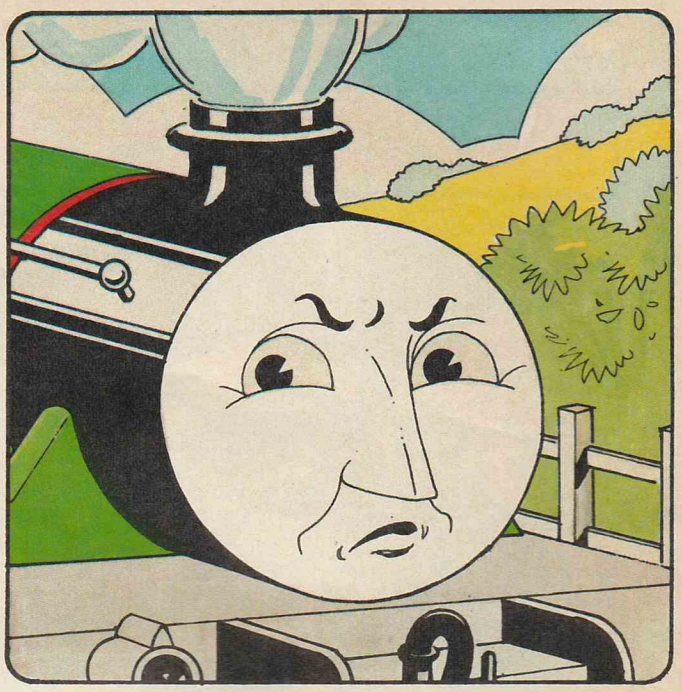


1. The engines were finding life difficult. Workmen were mending the viaduct on the main line. The arches needed strengthening. The repairs were taking a long time.

2. The engines had to take great care when crossing the viaduct and the delay often made them very late. Thomas had to wait at the junction to collect his passengers.

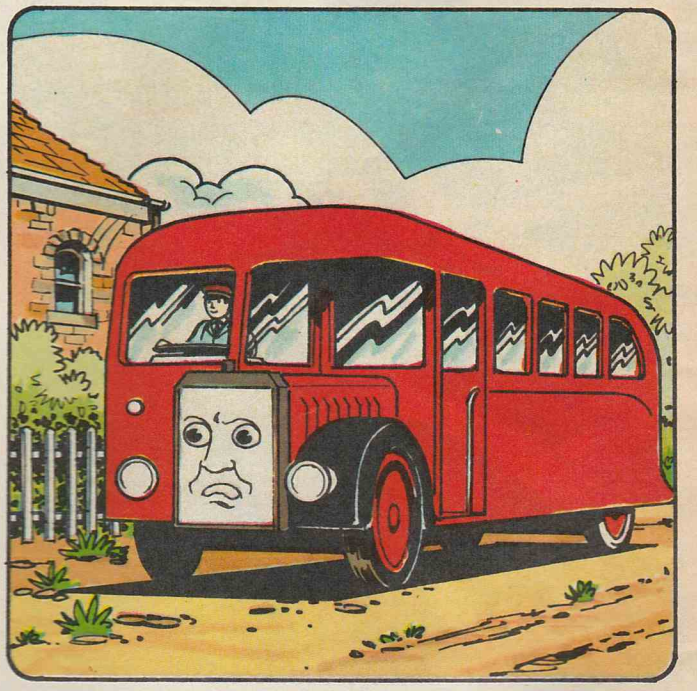


3. Thomas grew crosser and crosser. "Time's time," he grumbled. "Why should I keep my passengers waiting while Henry and James dawdle about all day on viaducts?"

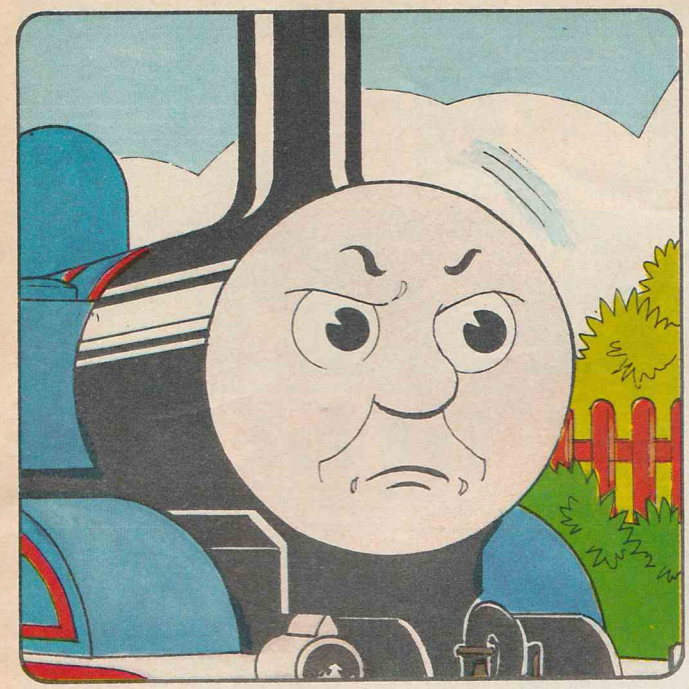


4. "Don't blame me," snorted Henry. "If we hurried across the viaduct it might fall down, and then you'd have no passengers at all. What would you do then?"

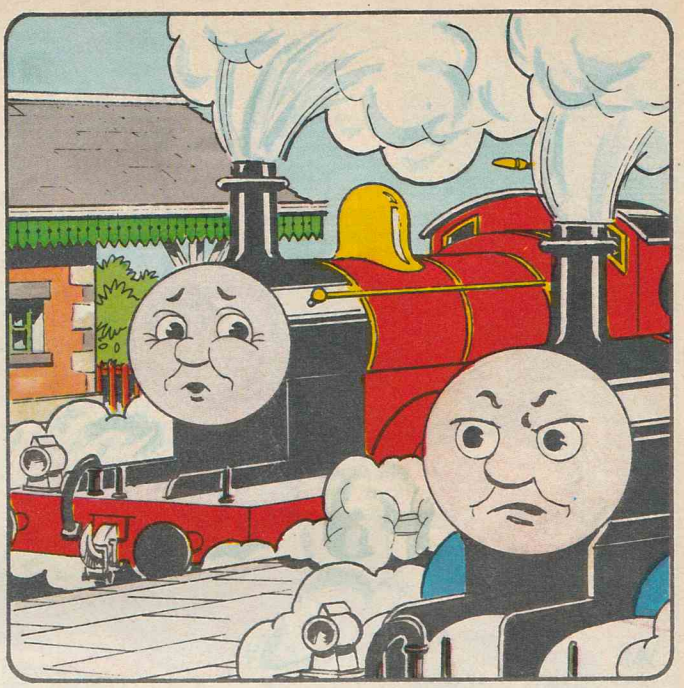
5. "Run my train on time for one thing," retorted Thomas. He hurried away before Henry could answer. Bertie was impatient too. He was timed to arrive just after Thomas.



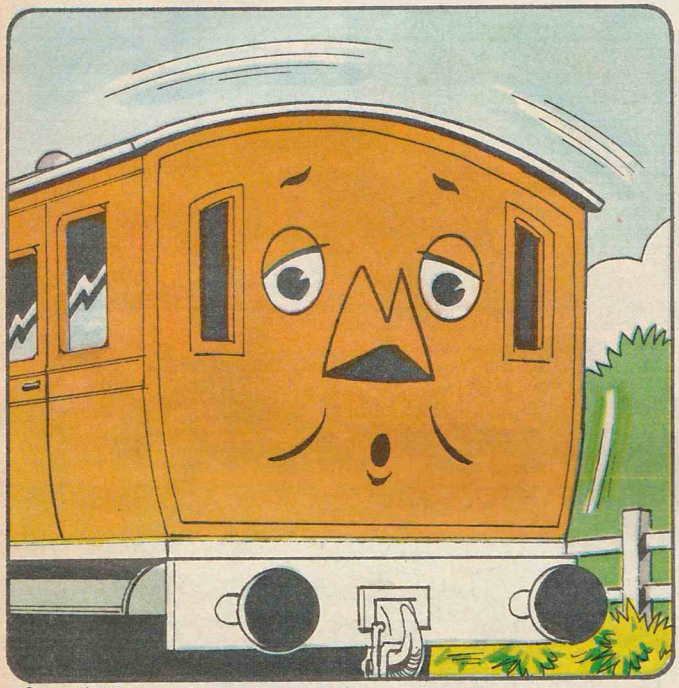
6. Bertie's passengers kept having to wait for Thomas. Soon Bertie grew cross with Thomas. "Late again!" he remarked. "I thought you could go fast, Thomas."



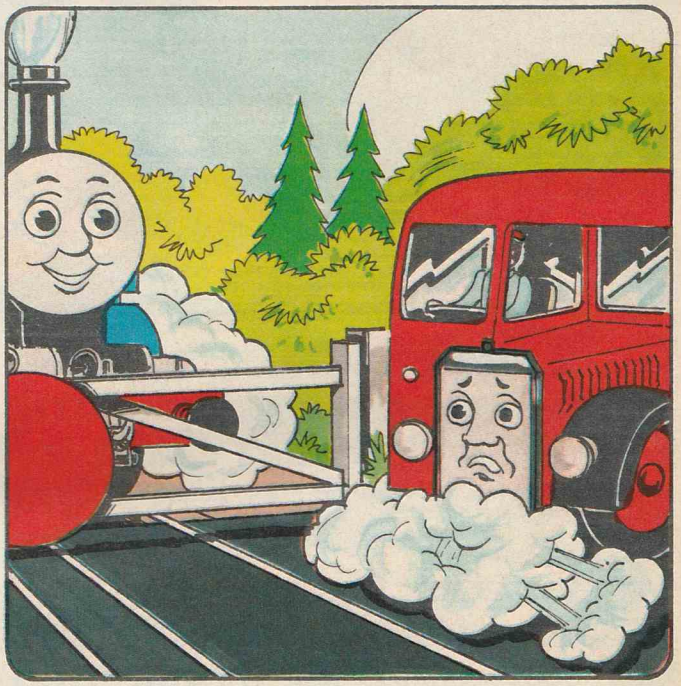
7. "It's those main line engines," hissed Thomas. "They dither about on the viaduct and then blame the Fat Controller's workmen. It's just an excuse for laziness!"



8. One day James was later than ever at the junction. "I'm sorry, Thomas," puffed James. "I was held up at the station and the viaduct made it even worse."



9. "It's lucky for you I'm a **guaranteed connection,"** hissed Thomas, and puffed away. Annie and Clarabel did their best, but Thomas couldn't save much time.



10. Suddenly, Thomas saw Bertie ahead. His radiator was steaming. "What's the matter?" asked Thomas. "You should be at the station by now You are late."

11. "I feel awful," moaned Bertie, "all upset inside and Driver says he can't make me better. Thank goodness you're late too. Can you take my passengers for me, please?" "Of course," agreed Thomas. He felt sorry for Bertie and promised to get help at the next station. Thomas set off again. He felt much more cheerful.

12. Bertie's passengers all reached home safely, in Annie and Clarabel. When Bertie was better he came to thank Thomas. "I'm sorry I teased you when you were late," he said. "That's all right," said Thomas. "I was glad to help. Sometimes being late isn't such a bad thing after all." Then with cheerful smiles, they both went back to work. **THE END**

In our next issue: Thomas comes to breakfast!

COLOURING TIME!

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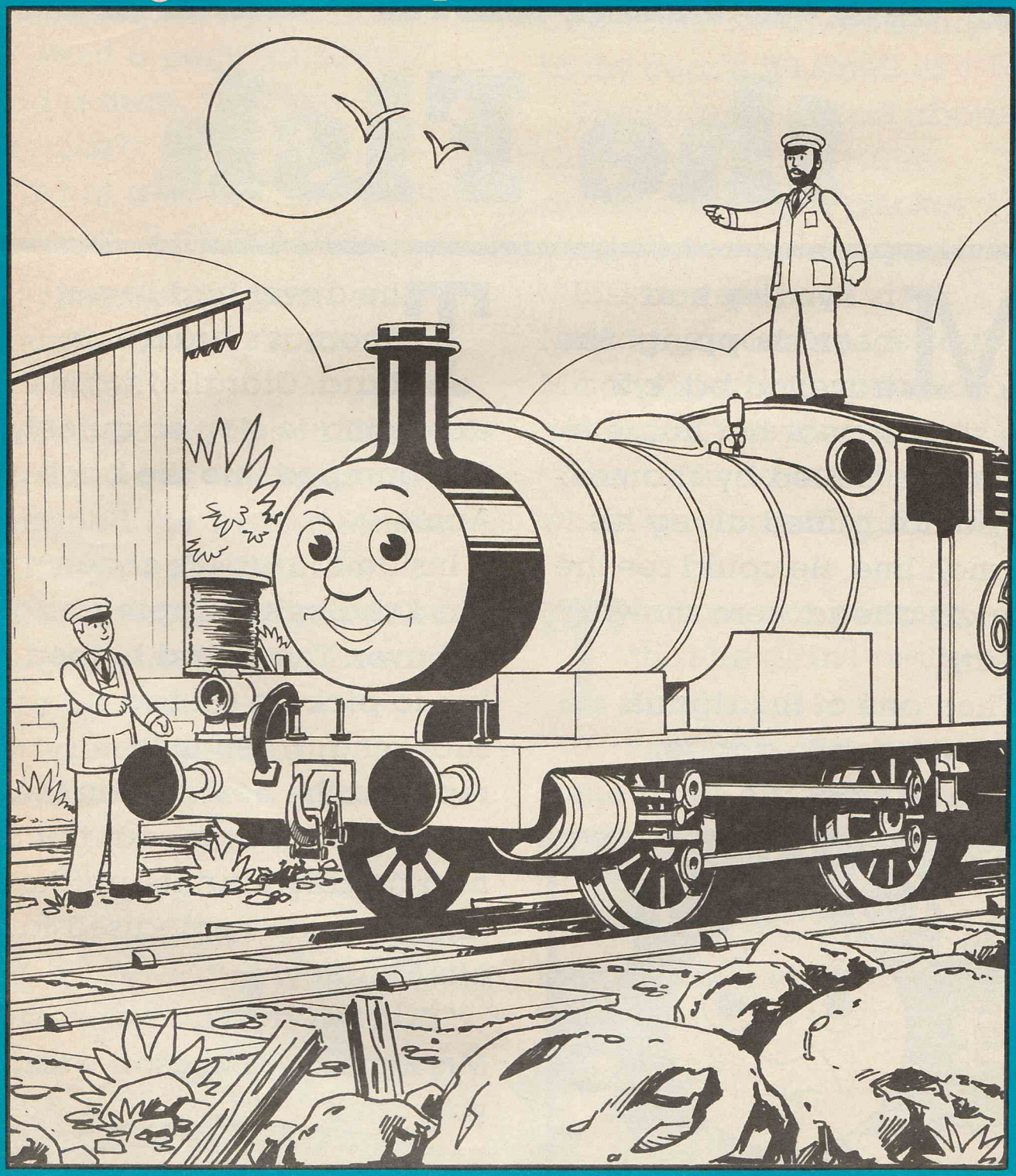


A read-aloud story!

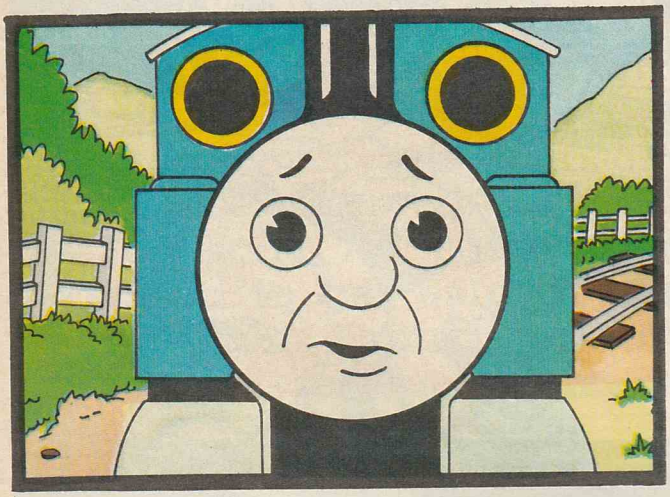
Thomas and the Fish

Mrs Kyndley had been shopping. She travelled back to the station near her house in Clarabel, pulled by Thomas.

Thomas puffed along his branch line. He could see the signals ahead were showing clear.

Then one of the signals moved back to danger.

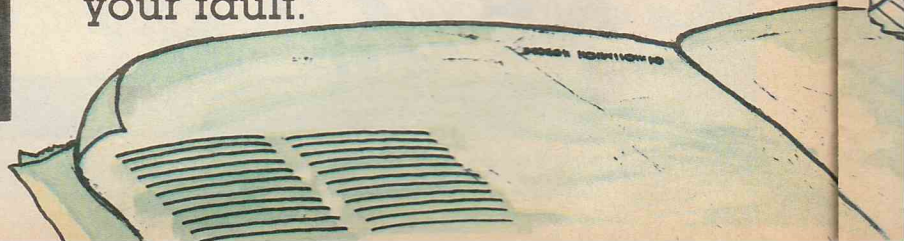
"I must stop," he said.



The driver had to put Thomas's brakes on hard. Clarabel wasn't expecting to stop so quickly. She bumped into the back of Annie.

Inside Clarabel's coach Mrs Kyndley's shopping bags fell over. The guard helped her to pick up all her shopping. When they reached the next station they discovered that a coal truck had derailed further up the line. Thomas apologised to Mrs Kyndley.

"Don't worry, Thomas," said Mrs Kyndley. "I know it wasn't your fault."



The next morning Thomas pulled up to the platform with his coaches.

Everybody stared at him. Some of the passengers held their noses.

"What a peculiar smell," said a man. "Is it you, Thomas?"

"What a cheek," whistled Thomas. "I do not smell."

"You certainly do," said a young woman. "A sort of . . . **fish** smell."

"You haven't been fishing again, have you, Thomas?" laughed the Station Master.

Thomas blushed. He remembered the time when a **fish** had accidently been put into his tank.

"I don't like fishing anymore, Sir," he said.

Thomas's guard walked up to Clarabel. "The smell isn't coming from Thomas," he said. "It's coming from Clarabel."

"Oh, my! Oh, my!" cried Clarabel. "No one will travel in my coach if I smell of **fish**."

The guard climbed aboard Clarabel. He appeared again carrying a packet wrapped in newspaper.

Inside were two **fish**. "I found them under the seat Mrs Kyndley was sitting on yesterday," he explained. "They must have fallen there when we stopped suddenly."

Thomas was pleased that he didn't really smell of **fish**.

"Can we buy Mrs Kyndley some more **fish** to make up for the ones she lost?" he asked his driver.

His driver smiled. "What a kind-hearted engine you are, Thomas."

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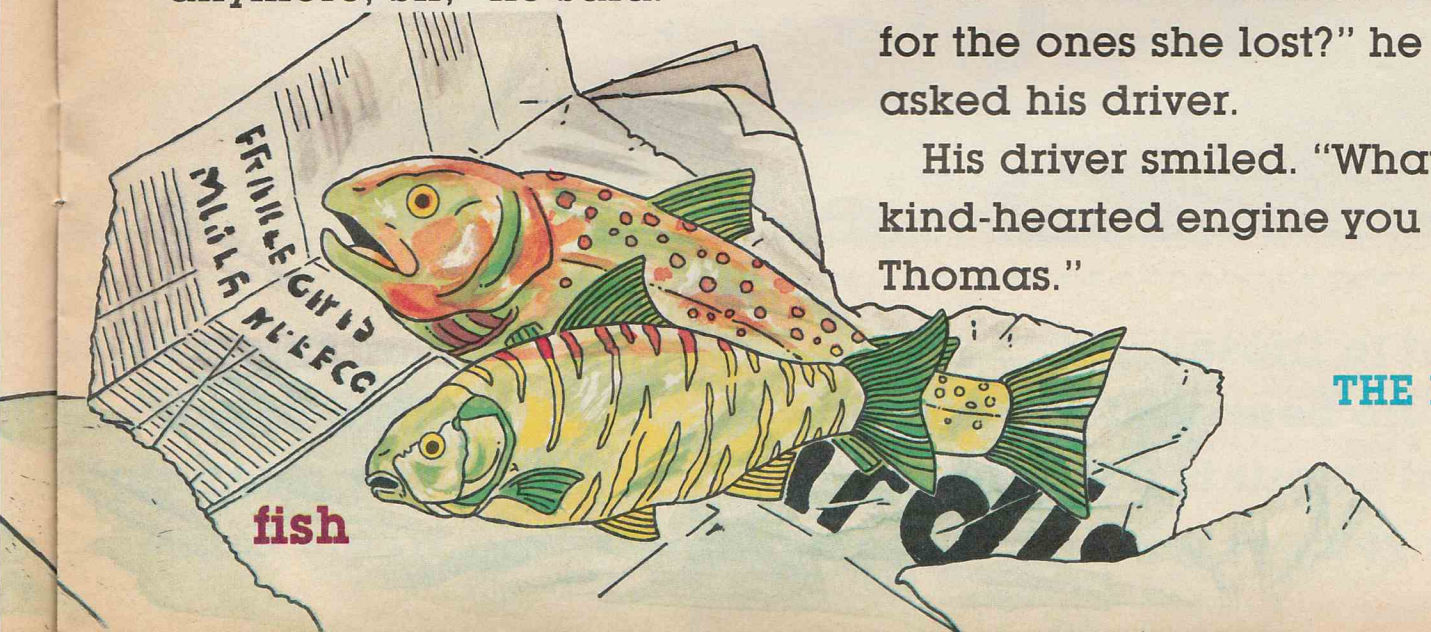

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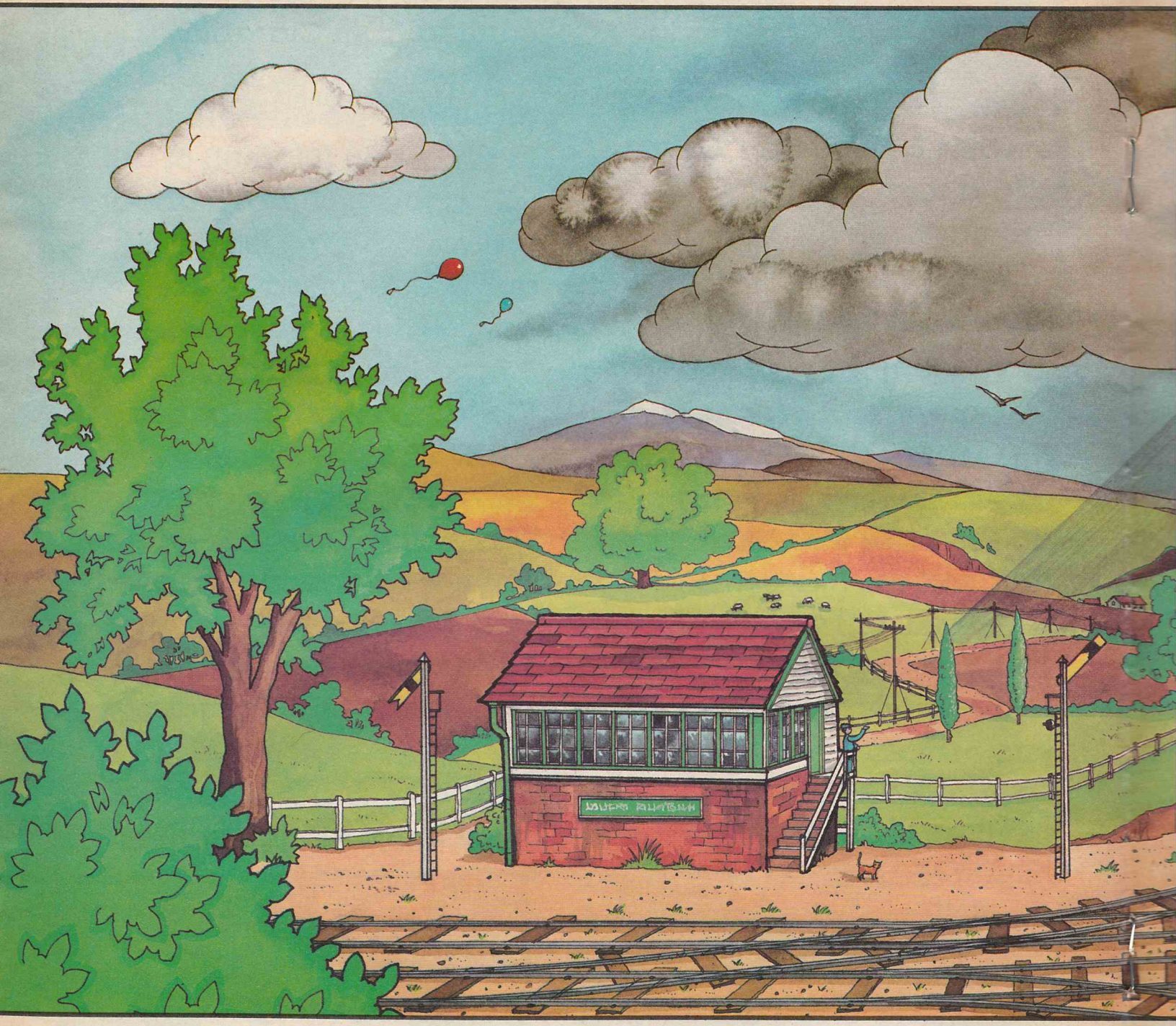

Point to Diesel!

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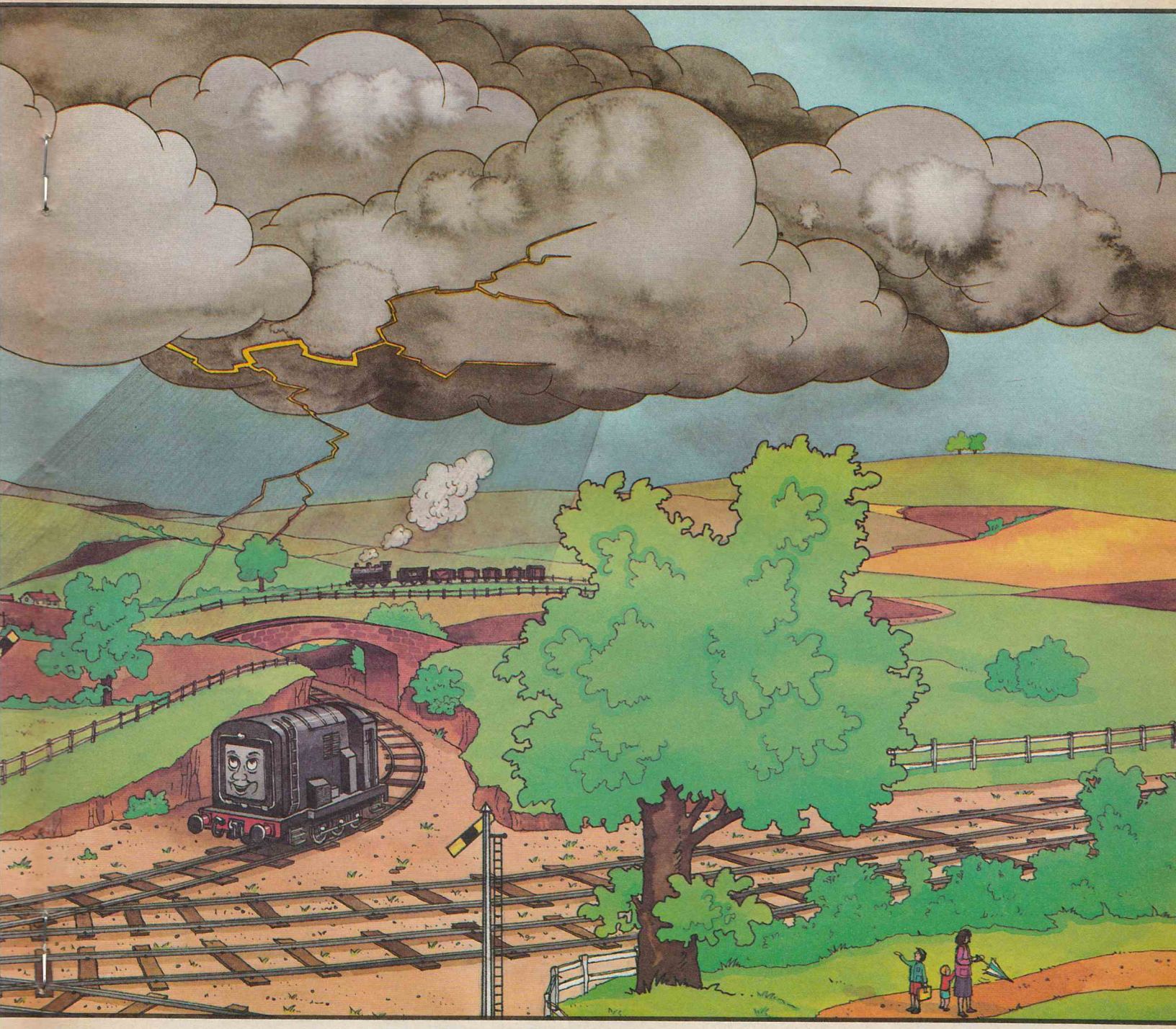

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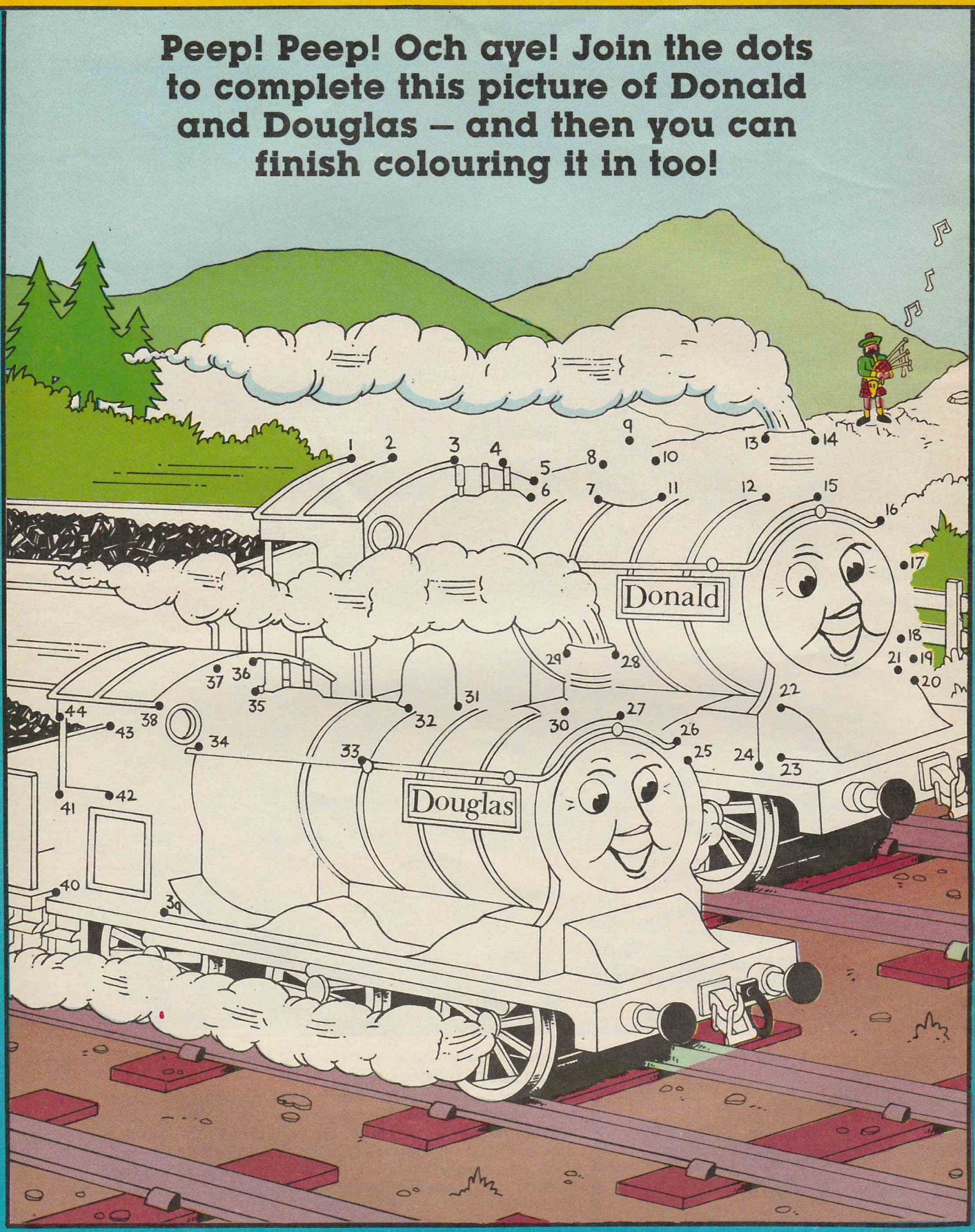
Next: Past the school!

JOIN THE DOTS!

Peep! Peep! Och aye! Join the dots to complete this picture of Donald and Douglas – and then you can finish colouring it in too!



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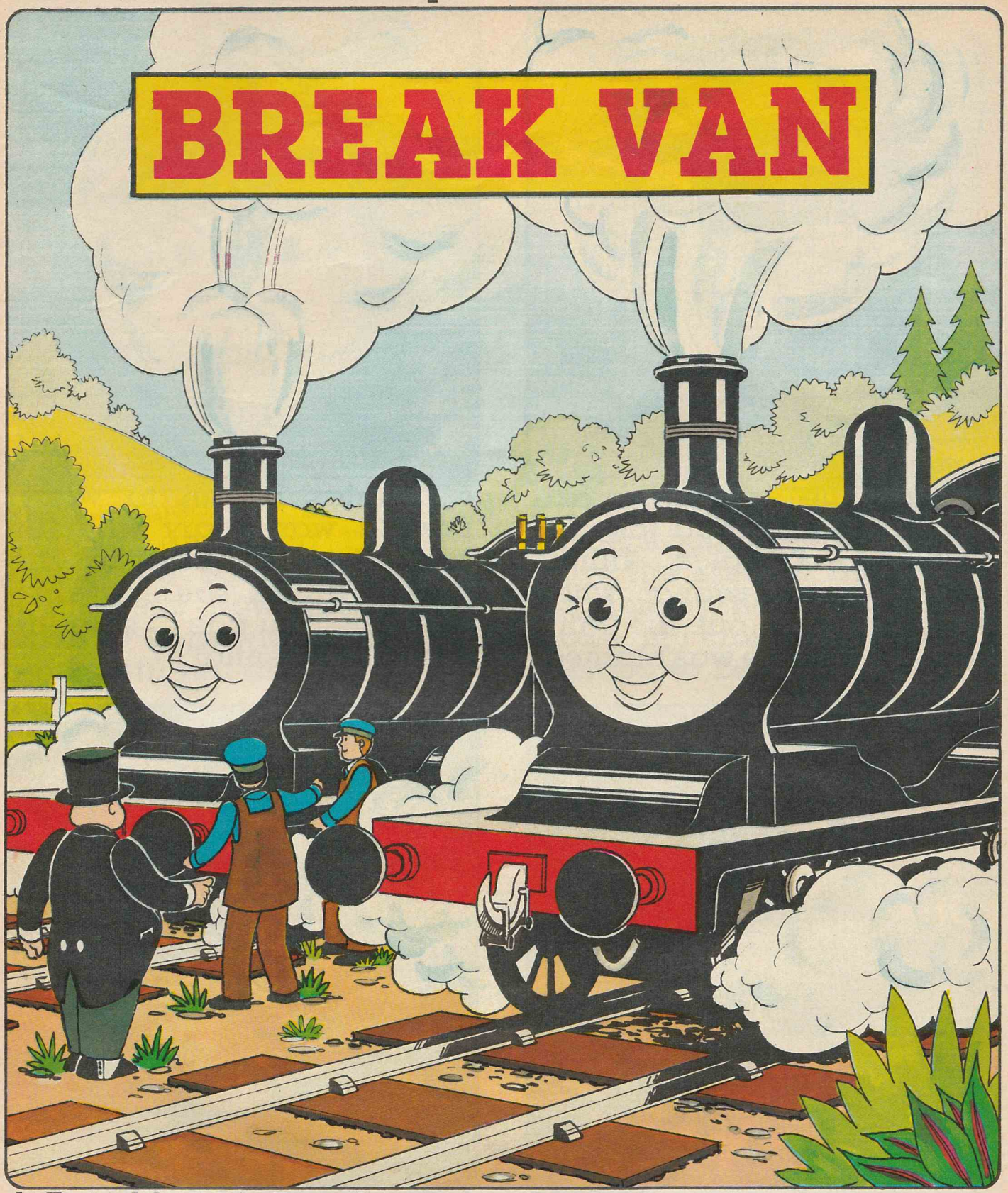
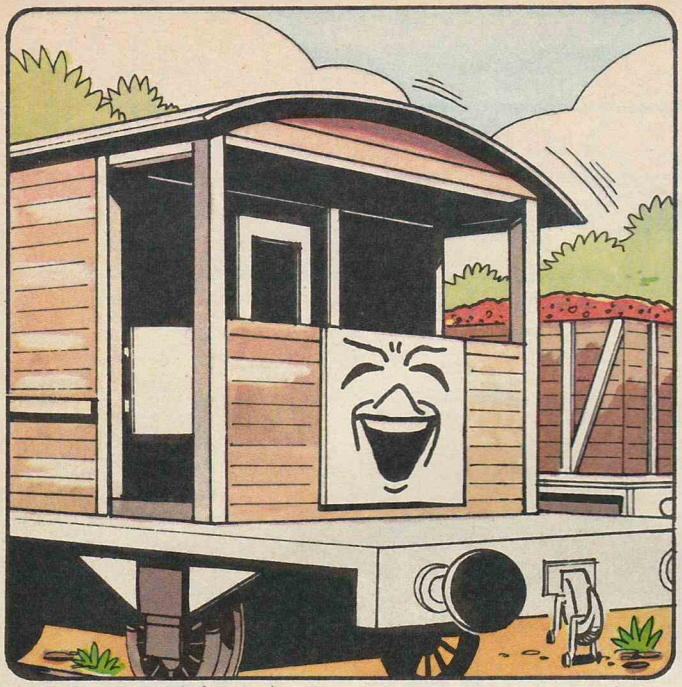
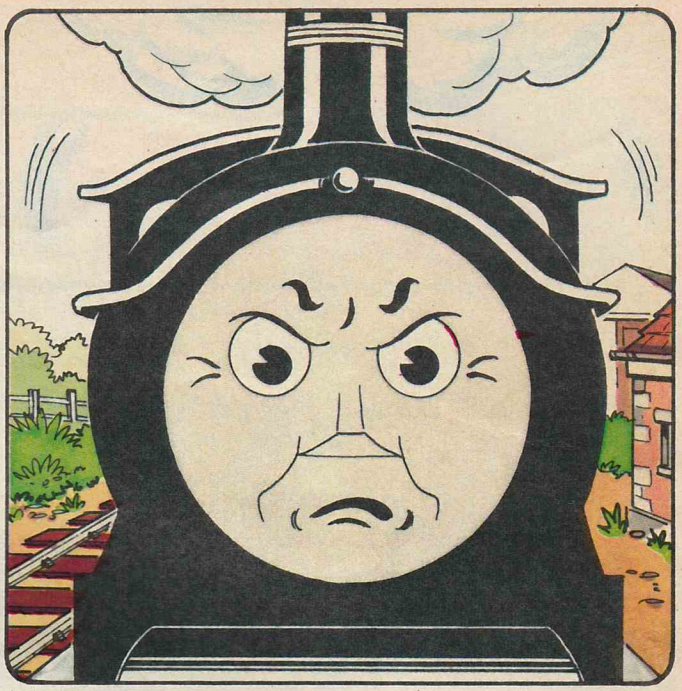


1. Donald and Douglas are twins and had arrived from Scotland to help the Fat Controller, but only one engine had been expected. The twins meant well.

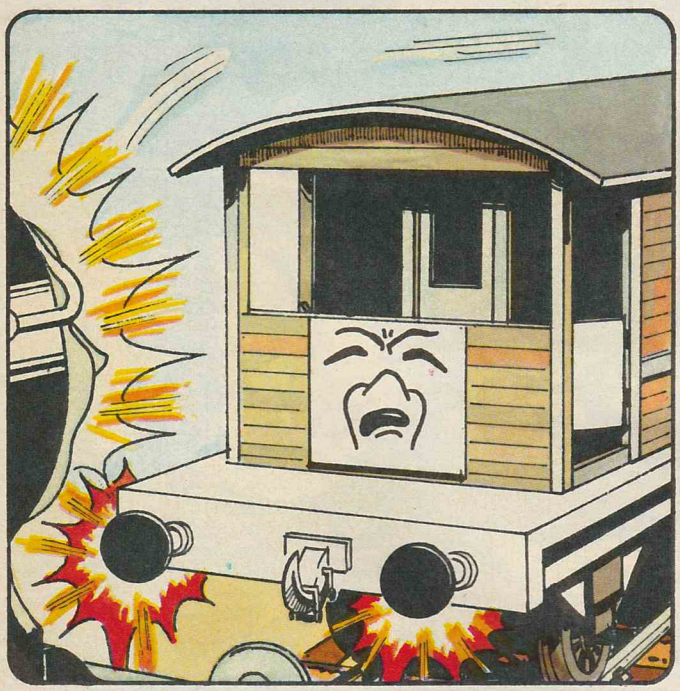
2. But the twins did cause confusion. The Fat Controller had given them numbers, Donald 9 and Douglas 10, but he was planning to send **one** engine home.



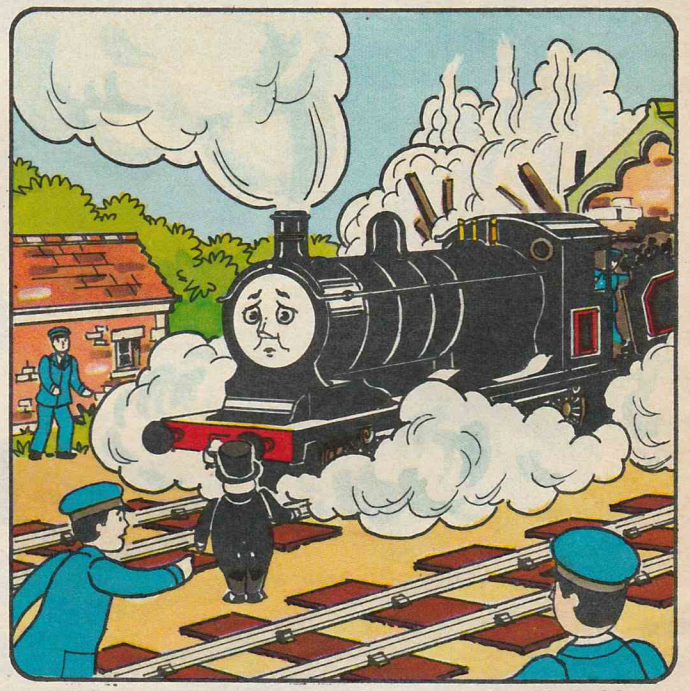
3. Meanwhile, a nasty brake van in the yard had taken a dislike to Douglas. Things always went wrong when Douglas took it out. His trains were late and he was blamed.



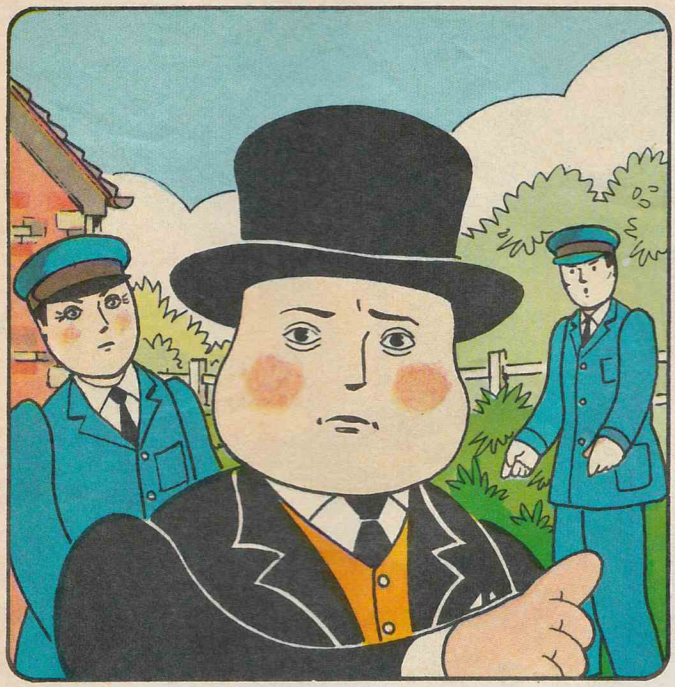
4. Douglas began to worry. Donald was angry with the van. "Ye're a nuisance," he said. "I'd like tae leave ye behind." "You can't," said the van. "I'm essential."



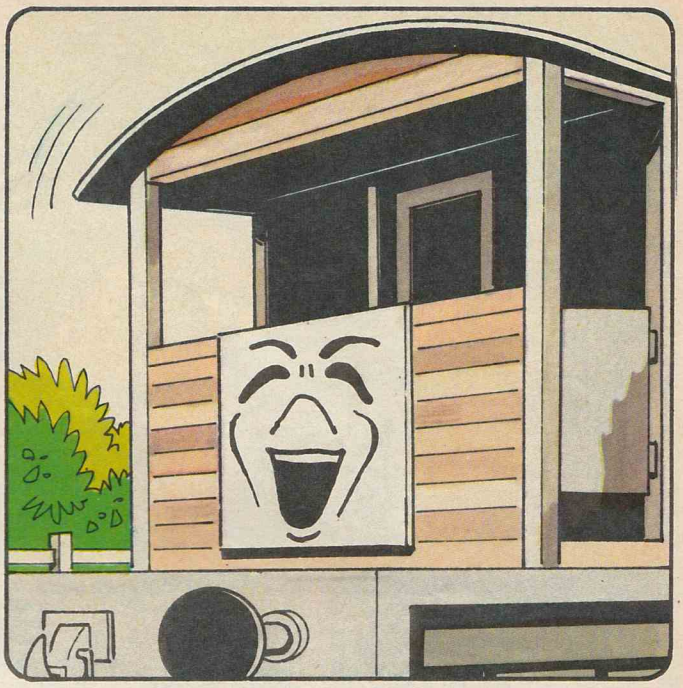
5. "Och, are you?" Donald burst out. "Spite Dougie wad ye? **Take that**!" "Oh! Oh! Oh!" cried the van. "There's mair comin' should ye misbehave," said Donald firmly.



6. The van behaved better after that. Until one day Donald had an accident. The rails were slippery and he couldn't stop in time. The Fat Controller was disappointed.

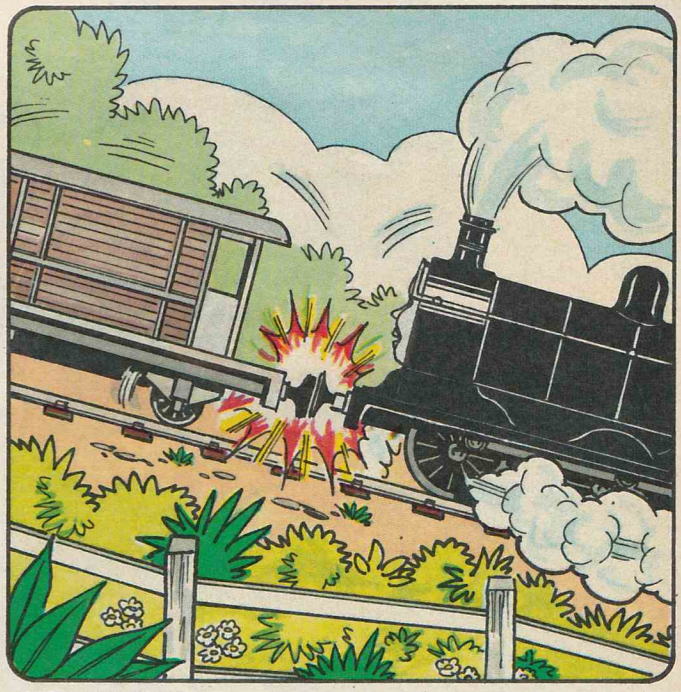


7. "I wanted to keep you, Donald, and send Douglas back," he said. "But what clumsiness! Now James will have to help with the goods work until you are mended."

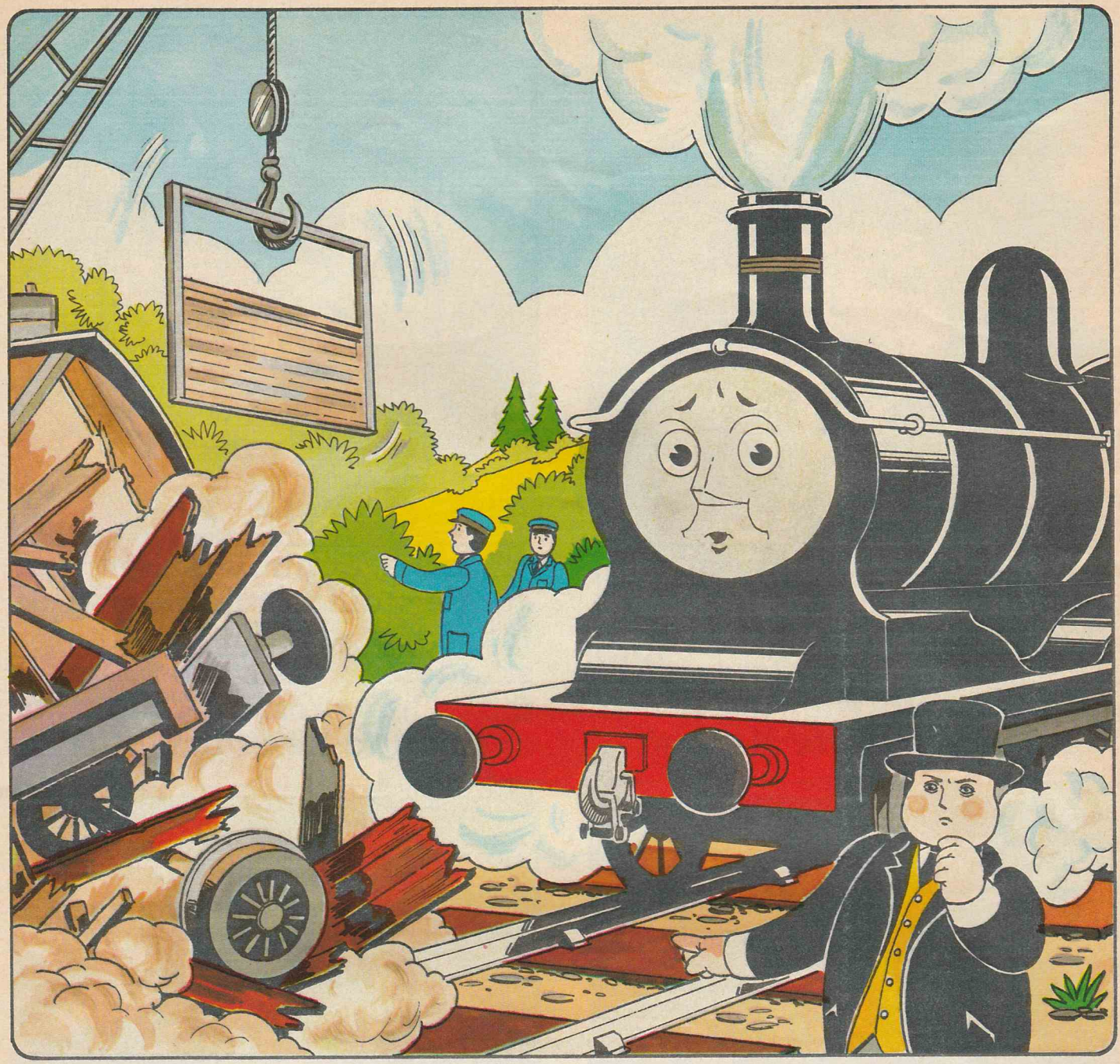


8. The Fat Controller knew that James would grumble dreadfully. The spiteful brake van sniggered. "He's cross. We'll make him crosser!" The trucks decided to be difficult too.

9. James was exhausted when they reached Edward's station. Luckily, Douglas was there. "Help me up the hill, please," panted James. "The trucks are playing tricks."



10. "We'll show them," said Douglas. Slowly but surely the snorting engines forced the trucks up the hill. But James was losing steam. "I can't do it! I can't do it!"



11. **"Lae it tae me!"** shouted Douglas. "Go steady!" warned the Guard. "The van's breaking!" Sure enough, the van was soon in pieces. No one had been hurt and Edward came to clear the mess. The Fat Controller was on board. "I might have known it would be Douglas!" he said, rather crossly. "But Douglas was **grand**, sir," said Edward.

12. "James had no steam left but Douglas worked as hard as **three** engines," said Edward. "I heard him from the yard." "As hard as two would have been enough," said the Fat Controller. "I want to be fair, Douglas, but... I don't know..." He was trying to decide whether to keep Donald and send Douglas back, but that's another story.

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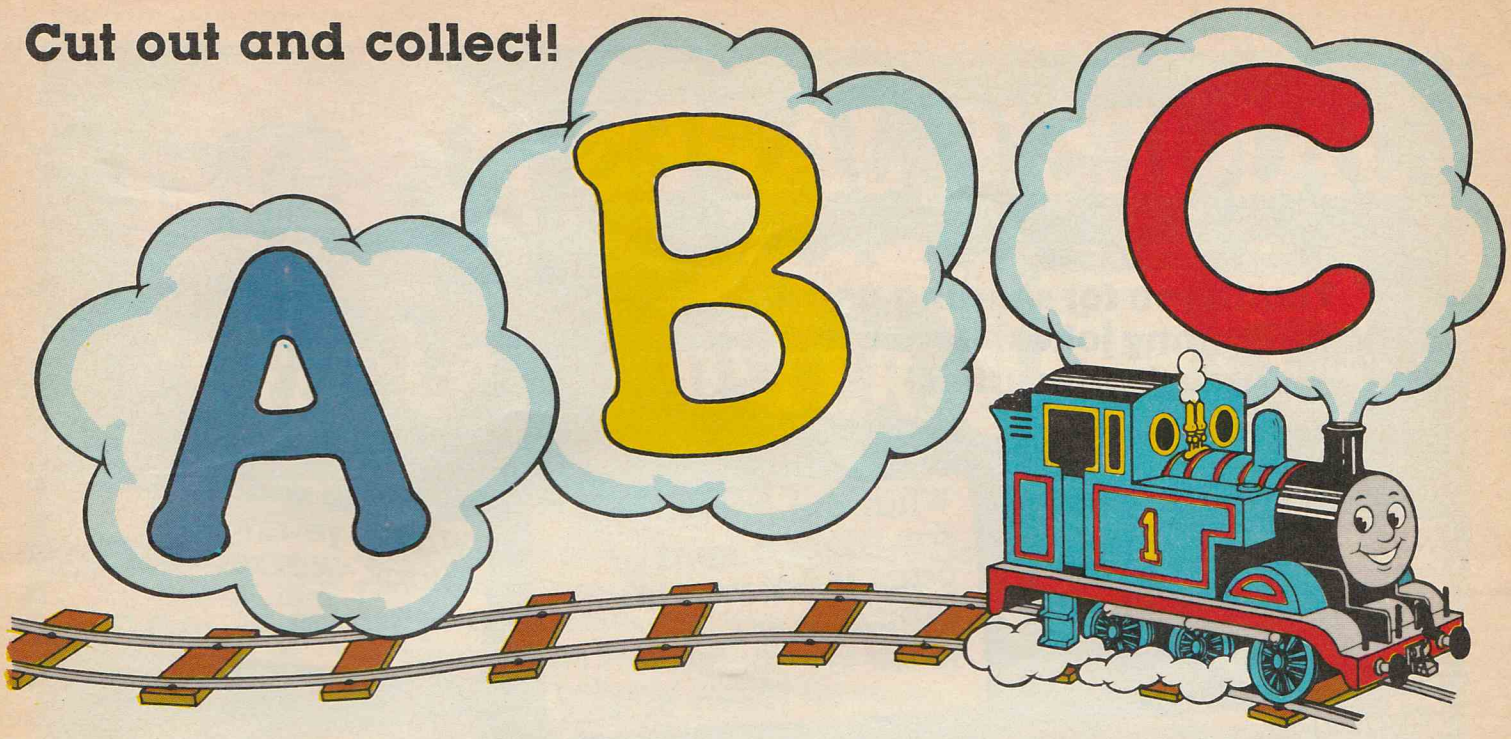
In our next issue: Meet Daisy the Diesel!

Cut out and collect!



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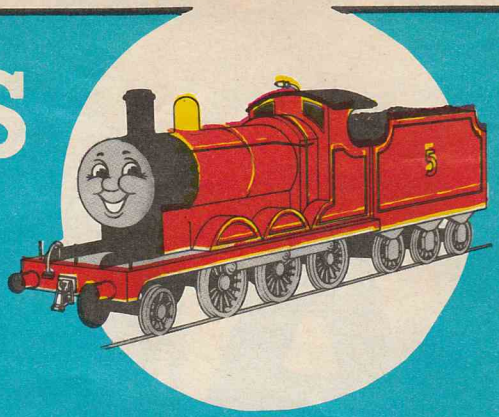

Thank you for sending us all your funny jokes. Here are a few of James's favourites!

What to you call a train full of clever people?
A tube of Smarties!
John Porter, aged 6½.

What did the cobbler say when a herd of camels entered his shop?
Shoo!
Kerry Sickert.

What's yellow and black with red spots?
A tiger with measles!
Rupert Hunt.

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Disease!
Disease who?
Disease trousers fit you?
Melly Hopper, aged 5.

What's white, furry and smells of peppermint?
A polo bear!
Mark Johnston, aged 5.

How do ducks dance?
Slow, slow, quack, quack, slow!
Lorraine Gilbert.

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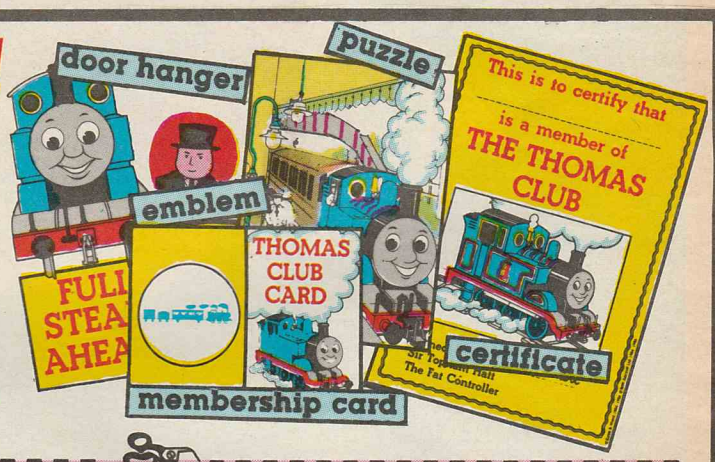

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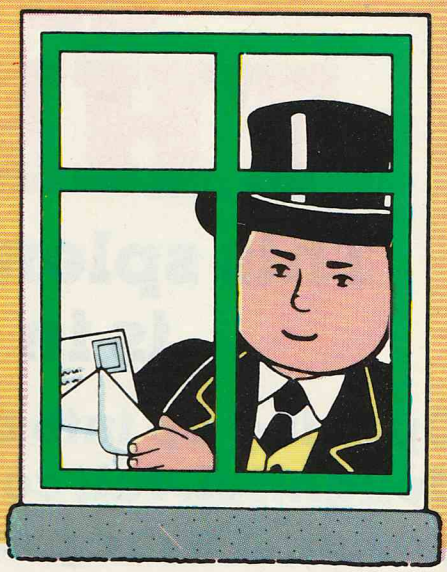

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below! I would be so pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,

I came back from my holiday yesterday. On the way home we saw some diggers and some dumper trucks. We saw some aeroplanes as well. Do you ever have a holiday?

From **Timothy**, aged 3.

I enjoy my work very much, and really every day is like a holiday in a way – but we do occasionally go and see my sister in Weymouth, and of course I do like to get away for a spot of golf.

Timothy wins **Thomas the Tank Engine vinyl stickers**, *from Scorpio Products International Ltd.*

HOLIDAY TIME!

Dear Fat Controller,

On my holiday I went on three steam trains. The first was yellow and black, the second was a red one with hooters and the third was the Crocodile Express, made from a tractor with a covering.

Love from **John**, aged 6½.

I must say I have never heard of the Crocodile Express, John! It all sounds rather fun.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Our best birthday wishes go to:

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Many happy returns to you all!

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

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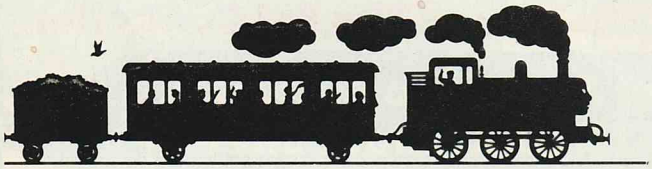

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